

**The Region 7A Committee**  
**Minnesota State High School League**

**Subsection 25**

TBD Bd. of Ed.  
Nathan Libbon Supt.

**Subsection 26**

Jay Belcastro Supt.  
Tim Rohweder Prin..

**Subsection 27**

Jim James A.D.  
John Vukmanich Prin.

**Subsection 28**

Travis Vake A.D.  
Jesse White Bd. of Ed.

**At Large**

Jeff Gronner, Sue Northey, Kristen Cooper, Jason Thurm.

**Region Executive Secretary**

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**Region 7A Minutes**

**August 23, 2023**

**Valentini's - Chisholm MN**

**Not Official until approved on September 27, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by interim Chairperson Dave Foster at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. John Vukmanich, Tim Rohweder, and Jesse White were absent. Nathan Libbon was represented by Dave Foster and Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross.

1. Introductions and election of officers were held. Jeff Gronner was elected Chairperson, Travis Vake was elected Vice Chair, and John Vukmanich was elected as Treasurer. Motion Dave Foster, second Kristen Cooper to approve the Chair, Motion Foster, second Cooper to approve the Vice Chair, Motion Foster, second Cooper to approve the Treasurer. **Motions Carried**
2. Motion Scott Ross, second Vake to adopt the agenda. **Motion Carried**
3. Open Forum: None.
4. Motion Cooper, second Foster to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023. **Motion Carried**
5. The financial report which covered the June and July bank reconciliation and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting was shared by Finance Chairperson, Jason Thurm. Motion Jim James, second Cooper to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
6. Executive Secretary Report: Shared an update on the Audit process for FY23 with anticipated timelines and outcomes. Discussed the turnover of 7A Region AD's including a minimum of seven new to the job this Fall. Reviewed highlights from the last Region Secretary meeting including the leagues Air Quality Index, the results of a MSHSL poll of officials including the top reasons why officials are in short supply, and the overall financial climate of the MSHSL.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Travis Vake gave an update on the Boys Volleyball Task Force. The board will likely determine which season Boys Volleyball will be assigned at their October meeting.
  - b. Reviewed the dates for Region Committee Meetings:
    - Aug 23, 2023- Valentini's 10:30 AM
    - Sep 27, 2023- Valentini's 10:30 AM
    - Dec 13, 2023- Valentini's 10:30 AM
    - Jan 31, 2024- Valentini's 10:30 AM
    - Feb 28, 2024- AAA at Amsoil Arena 6:00 PM
    - Apr 3, 2024 -Valentini's 10:30 AM
    - May 9, 2024- Valentini's 10:30 AM (Thursday)
    - June 13, 2024- Giants Ridge 9:30 AM (Sometime that week)
  - c. Updated the committee regarding tournament manager openings in the following activities:
    - Girls Tennis - Byron Westrich
    - South Subsection Music - TBD
    - Nordic Ski - Have an interested individual in the works.

- Visual Arts - TBD

*Anyone interested in the above tournament manager positions should contact the Region Secretary immediately, positions are open until filled.*

8. New Business:

- a. The committee unanimously supported each of the Spring Advisory Proposals including a 3rd day of state softball, all three speech proposals, and both track proposals.
- b. Shared updates from 7A MSHSL Board of Director Brent Schimek. Including the boys Volleyball season determination process and the state seeding recommendation from the board of directors, and the reduction in school membership fees due to the leagues positive financial picture.
- c. Coops Approved:
  - LCA, Stella Maris, Agenter & Loban Homeschools coop for Girls Volleyball.
  - International Falls and Cornerstone Christian School coops in VB, B/G CC, B/G Basketball, and B Hockey
  - Hill City and Northland coops in Speech and One Act Play.
  - Two Harbors and Silver Bay coop in Boys Golf.
  - Deer River, Northland, and Hill City coop for Boys and Girls Track & Field.
  - Two Harbors, Cook County, and Silver Bay coop in Girls Swimming and Diving.
  - Ely, Northeast Range, and Krekelberg homeschool coop in Girls Swimming.
  - Ely, Northeast Range, and Krekelberg homeschool coop in BBB.
  - PACT and Home Life Academy homeschool coop in girls soccer.Motion Ross, second Cooper to approve all Coops. **Motion Carried**
- d. The 2023-2024 Region Calendar was handed out and reviewed. Motion James, second Ross to approve the Calendar. **Motion Carried**
- e. The 7A Policy Manual was shared, the elimination of Eveleth Gilbert and Virginia as 7A Administration schools being a noteworthy change. Motion James, second Foster to accept the 7A Policy Manual. **Motion Carried**
- f. The 2023-2024 7A Subcommittee assignments were updated and approved. Motion Foster, second James to approve. **Motion Carried**
- g. The Region Committee directory was shared and updated.

8. Other: None

9. The next meeting is set for September 27, 2023 at Valentini's 10:30 AM in Chisholm, Minnesota.

10. Adjourn: Motion Foster, second Vake to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**  
The meeting was adjourned by interim Chairman Jeff Gronner at 11:58 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

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Date

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Jeff Gronner, Chairman